

AGENDA BOARD OF VARIANCE MEETING

May 16, 2019, 5:30 PM
Board Room, Service and Resource Centre,
411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC

Pages

- 1. CALL THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF VARIANCE TO ORDER:
- 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

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Minutes of the Open Board of Variance Meeting held in the Board Room, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC on Thursday, 2019-APR-18, at 5:30 p.m.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Board of Variance No. BOV718 - 342 Howard Avenue

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Legal Description: Lot 1, Section 1, Nanaimo District, Plan 11976

The applicant is requesting to vary the provisions of "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" to allow a flanking side yard setback of 1.67m in order to construct a deck to the rear of an existing non-conforming single residential dwelling.

The Zoning Bylaw (7.5.1) requires a flanking side yard setback of 4m in the R1 zone.

b. Board of Variance No. BOV719 - 3806 Marjorie Way

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Legal Description: Lot 4, Section 5, Wellington District, Plan EPP67602

The applicant is requesting to vary the provisions of "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" in order to locate a heat pump to the front of a single residential dwelling.

The Zoning Bylaw (6.5.2) requires that a heat pump or central air conditioning unit be located to the rear of the principal building.

c. Board of Variance No. BOV720 - 641 First Street

Legal Description: Lot 1 and 2, Block 7, Section 1, Nanaimo District, Plan 1465

The applicant is requesting to vary the provisions of "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" to allow an interior side yard setback of 0m in order to construct a front porch and exterior stairs at the front of an existing non-conforming single residential dwelling that is straddling an interior lot line.

The Zoning Bylaw (7.5.1) requires a side yard setback of 1.5m in the R1 zone.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

MINUTES

BOARD OF VARIANCE MEETING

SERVICE AND RESOURCE CENTRE BOARDROOM, 411 DUNSMUIR STREET, NANAIMO, BC THURSDAY, 2019-APR-18 AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Members: Bob Irwin, Chair

Allan Dick Kenn Hample Jessica Kaman Ron Nadeau

Staff: Caleb Horn, Planning Assistant (Recording Secretary)

1. CALL THE BOARD OF VARIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING TO ORDER:

The Open Board of Variance Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was moved and seconded that the Agenda be adopted. The motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

It was moved and seconded that the Minutes of the Board of Variance Meeting held 2019-MAR-21, Boardroom, Service and Resource Centre, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC be adopted as circulated. The motion carried unanimously.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Board of Variance Application No. BOV716 – 924 Cassandra Place

- Mr. Bob Irwin read the application requesting to vary the provisions of "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" to allow a rear yard setback of 7.05m in order to legalize the siting of an existing solarium, and allow a side yard setback of 1.24m in order to construct an open deck that will accommodate a wheelchair ramp on the west side of the existing single residential dwelling.
- Mr. Gerald Wayne Brown and Ms. Christine Dilys Maxwell, the applicants, spoke to the rationale for the application. The existing solarium was constructed by a previous property owner. The open deck will accommodate a wheelchair ramp along the west side of the house.
- Mr. Kenn Hample asked if a wheelchair ramp could be located on the east side of the house.
 - Mr. Brown answered that the easiest access is on the west side of the house and that there is a substantial drop on the other side.
- Ms. Jessica Kaman asked if the existing deck on the property will be replaced.

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- Mr. Brown answered that the existing deck is non-conforming and will be replaced entirely by the new deck.
- The Board discussed the requested variance and demonstration of undue hardship.

It was moved and seconded that application BOV716 for 924 Cassandra Place to vary the provisions of the "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" to a) reduce the rear yard setback from 7.5m to 7.05m in order to legalize the siting of an existing solarium, and b) reduce the side yard setback from 1.5m to 1.24m in order to construct an open deck on the west side of the existing single residential dwelling be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Board of Variance Application No. BOV717 – 64 Captain Morgans Boulevard

- Mr. Bob Irwin read the application requesting to vary the provisions of "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" to allow a front yard setback of 5.69m in order to reconstruct an existing non-conforming single residential dwelling.
- Mr. Keene Anderson, the applicant, spoke to the rationale for the application.
 The existing non-conforming single residential dwelling is being reconstructed and will utilize the existing foundation.
- Ms. Kaman asked if the new structure will be the same height.
 - Mr. Anderson answered that the new structure will have a different roofline with increased height.
- The Board discussed the requested variance and the demonstration of undue hardship.

It was moved and seconded that application BOV717 for 64 Captain Morgans Boulevard to vary the provisions of the "City of Nanaimo Zoning Bylaw 2011 No. 4500" to reduce the front yard setback from 6m to 5.69m be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved and seconded at 5:50 p.m. that the meeting terminate. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIR
CERTIFIED CORRECT:
CORPORATE OFFICER



NOTICE OF MEETING

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APPEAL NO: BOV00718

Applicant: Christopher Chatterton

Civic Address: 342 HOWARD AVENUE

LOT 1, SECTION 1, NANAIMO DISTRICT, PLAN 11976

Purpose: Zoning Bylaw No. 4500 requires a minimum flanking side yard

setback of 4m in the R1 zone. The applicant is requesting a variance to allow a flanking side yard setback of 1.67m in order to construct a deck to the rear of an existing non-conforming single residential

dwelling. This represents a variance of 2.33m.

Zoning Regulations: Single Family Residential – R1. The applicant requests a variance to

the City of Nanaimo "ZONING BYLAW 2011 NO. 4500":

Section 7.5.1 – Siting of Building

A minimum flanking side yard setback of 4m is required.

The Board of Variance decision will apply to subsequent owners of the land. If you deem your property to be affected by this appeal, please feel free to attend this meeting. Anyone wishing to address this appeal will be afforded the opportunity to be heard at the Board of Variance meeting. This application may be reviewed with Staff at the Community Development Department, 411 Dunsmuir Street, Nanaimo, BC, or by calling 250-755-4460 (x4344), during normal business hours, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, from 2019-MAY-06 to 2019-MAY-16 inclusive. Questions, comments, or written submissions can also be sent by email to: planning@nanaimo.ca

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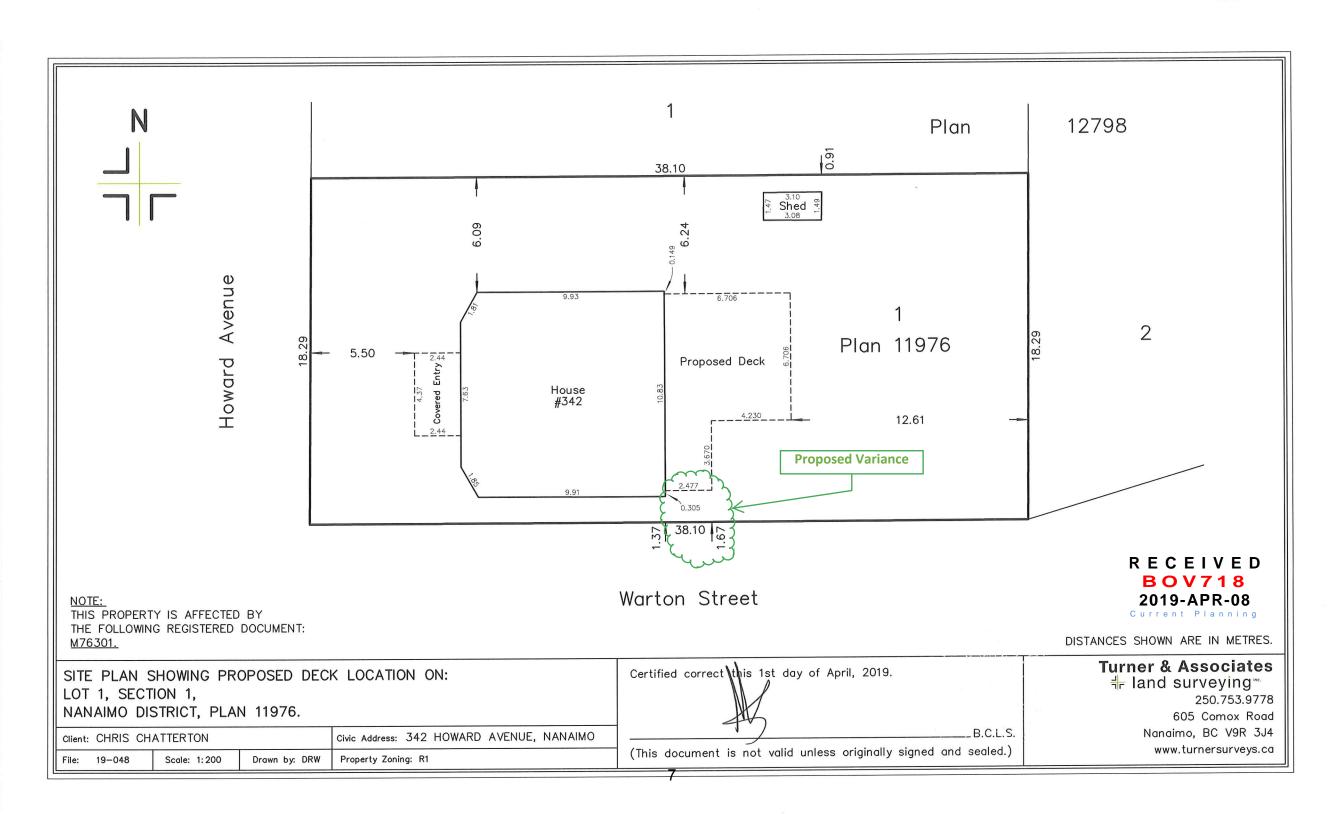
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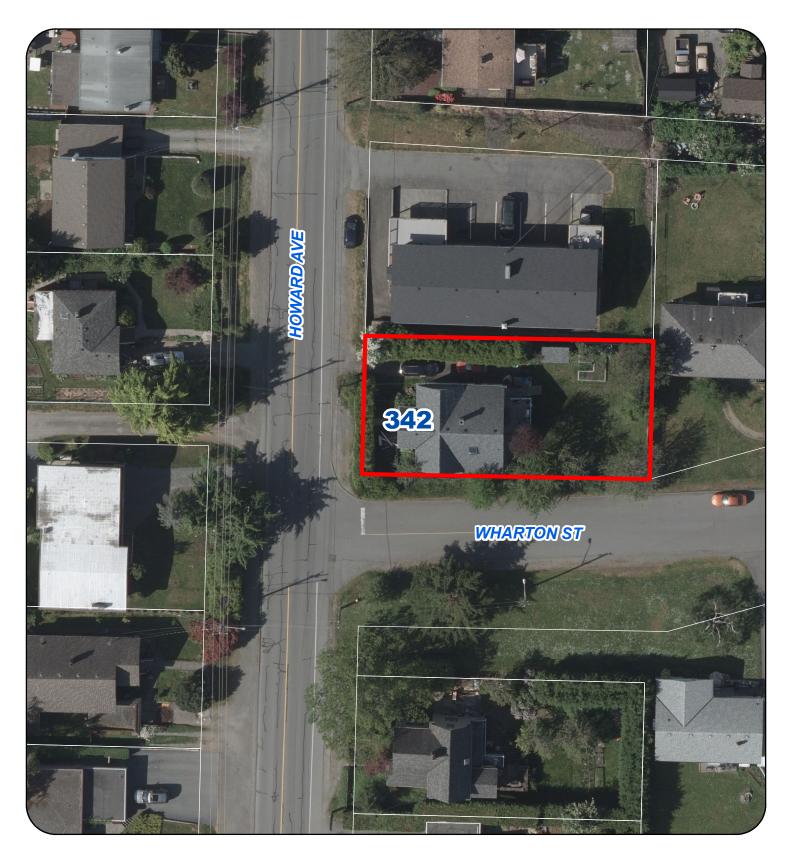
CIVIC: 342 HOWARD AVENUE

LEGAL: LOT 1, SECTION 1, NANAIMO DISTRICT, PLAN 11976





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BOARD OF VARIANCE APPLICATION NO. BOV00718





To the Board of Variance,

I am presenting to your board a request for variance at 342 Howard Avenue, Nanaimo to have a new deck built within 1.67m of the property line rather than the 4m that is currently set by the City of Nanaimo. The reason for this variance is to have an existing double door access to the new deck. The new deck will not be installed any closer to the property line than the old deck.

The existing deck that used to service the double door that is being referred to had to be replaced as it was completely rotting and was not safe for use by my family of anyone else who went on it.

Having the double door in the family room with access to the deck is important from a life safety point of view. This is the main point of access to the deck and is the closest point of escape from anywhere in the back of the house as well as upstairs. Without this door the other main point of escape is the other single door on the north end of the deck or the front entry, both of which don't have good and timely access from upstairs if there is an emergency.

The other life safety is that it is very dangerous to have a door with no deck access. It is a 4' drop from the sill of the door to the ground. With have a 3 year old and another child on the way, I can't risk having them, nor anyone else falling out of the door to the ground.

As can been seen from the survey, the new deck still sits further away from the property line than the house, so we are not encroaching on the property line further than where the house currently sits.

Thank you for reviewing my application.

Kind regards,

Christopher Chatterton



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APPEAL NO: BOV00719

Applicant: Jeet Manhas (on behalf of Jasbir Gurm)

Civic Address: 3806 MARJORIE WAY

LOT 4, SECTION 5, WELLINGTON DISTRICT, PLAN EPP67602

Purpose: Zoning Bylaw No. 4500 requires that a heat pump or central air

conditioning unit be located to the rear of a principal building. The applicant is requesting a variance to locate a heat pump to the front

of the principal building.

Zoning Regulations: Single Family Residential – R1. The applicant requests a variance to

the City of Nanaimo "ZONING BYLAW 2011 NO. 4500":

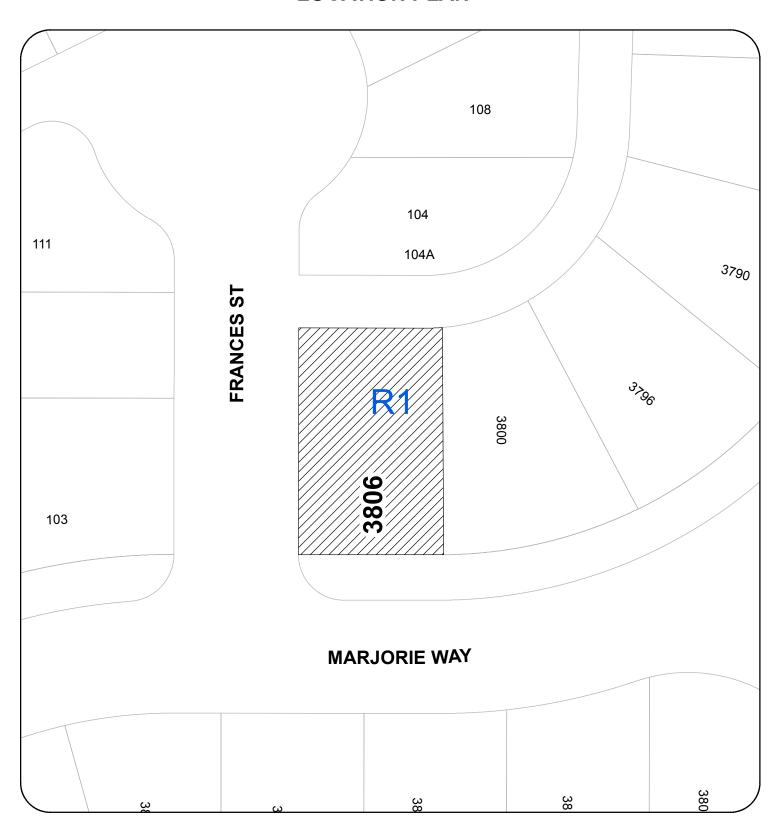
Section 6.5.2 – Projections into Yards

Where the principal use of the property is a single residential dwelling or duplex, heat pumps and central air conditioning units must be located to the rear of a principal building and shall not be located closer than 4.5m from the side lot lines or closer than 3m from the

rear property lines.

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BOARD OF VARIANCE NO. BOV00719 LOCATION PLAN



CIVIC: 3806 MARJORIE WAY

LEGAL: LOT 4, SECTION 5, WELLINGTON DISTRICT, PLAN EPP67602



PLAN OF PROPOSED HOUSE LOCATION ON LOT 4, SECTION 5, WELLINGTON DISTRICT, PLAN EPP67602

FINAL LOT GRADE HAS BEEN DETERMINED FROM APPROVED FINAL LOT GRADES PLAN

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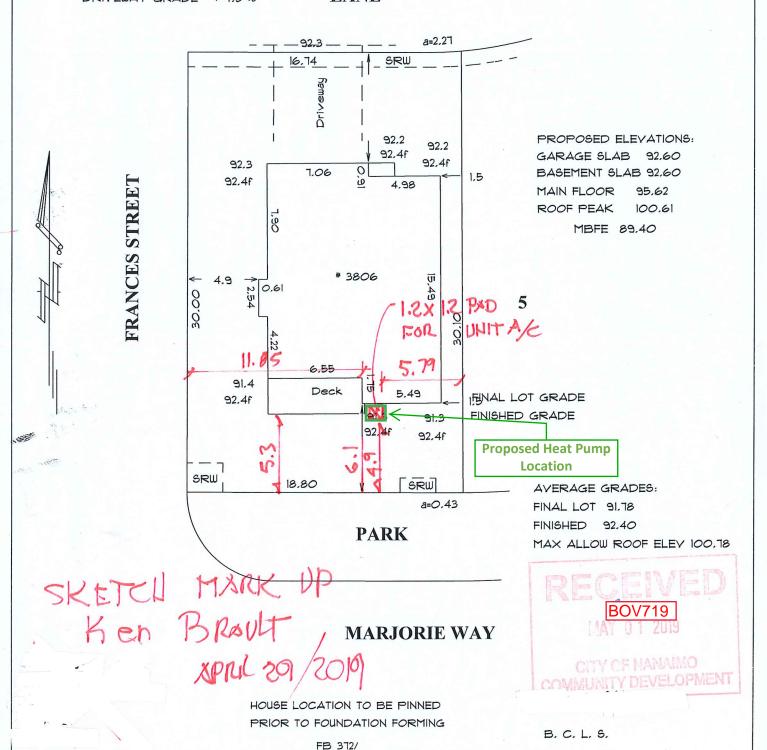
PROPOSED DRIVEWAY

CENTRELINE LENGTH 6.6

OVERALL RISE 0.30

DRIVEWAY GRADE + 4.5 %

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BOARD OF VARIANCE APPLICATION NO. BOV00719





Kationale for the variance: 3806 Marjorie Way Lot 4 Section 5 WD PLAN EPP 67602

We are applying for a variance for this hewly Constructed home. The hause is 100%. Complete. At the time of occupancy permit, the Building Inspector Stated that the location of the heat pump has Contravened the bylaw, as its location is considered to be en the front yard. The location of the heat pumpuds drawn on the plan, so the owner assumed that the city has accepted proposed location Of the heat pump. This lot is a Corner lot adjoining 2 roads and a lane and the setbacks of the lane and neighbours side did not allow the heat pump to be placed on either side of the said property. We are asking for the variance

for the heat pump to be left where it is and as is because the house is fully built and would be a great expense for it to be moved.

Thanking you in advance.

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Current Planning

KNR HEATING 479 LENHART AVE NANAIMO BC V9S 4X4

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My name is Keith Hynes, I am the owner of KNR Heating contractor number Iga0089278 here in Nanaimo. I am writing this on behalf of Jasbir Gurm at 3806 Marjorie way of Nanaimo. We were the heating contractors for his project at this address and installed a gas furnace with an air conditioning coil and out door unit model rheem ra1348ajina. Recently he applied for his occupancy permit and was denied because his unit was installed in the front of his house rather than the rear. This was done for a few reasons, notably there is no satisfactory location for the unit in the rear as it would have to be located in front of the garage, door the suite entrance or the suite main window which will probably be opened regularly as the suite does not benefit from the a/c unit. The unit still meets the regulation of 15 feet from the property line, and being an air conditioner is probably used for about a month a year. Also being an air conditioner, it does not have a defrost feature which was the main concern of neighbors when installed at the side of a residence under bedroom windows. Also with the price of electricity on the rise the preferred heating system of choice is a gas furnace with air conditioner and also due to rising prices the efficiency rating on these units are going up to save on costs as well the noise levels are coming down.

I hope this helps you with providing an occupancy permit for the residence, as well it would be extremely difficult to try and relocate this unit. Keith Hynes KNR Heating.



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APPEAL NO: BOV00720

Applicants: Kris and Mackenzie Sillem

Civic Address: 641 FIRST STREET

LOT 1 AND 2, BLOCK 7, SECTION 1, NANAIMO DISTRICT, PLAN

1465

Purpose: Zoning Bylaw No. 4500 requires a minimum side yard setback from

an interior side lot line of 1.5m in the R1 zone. The applicant is requesting a variance to allow a side yard setback of 0m in order to construct a front porch and exterior staircase at the front of an existing non-conforming single residential dwelling which is straddling an

interior lot line.

Zoning Regulations: Single Family Residential – R1. The applicant requests a variance to

the City of Nanaimo "ZONING BYLAW 2011 NO. 4500":

Section 7.5.1 – Siting of Buildings

A minimum side yard setback of 1.5m is required.

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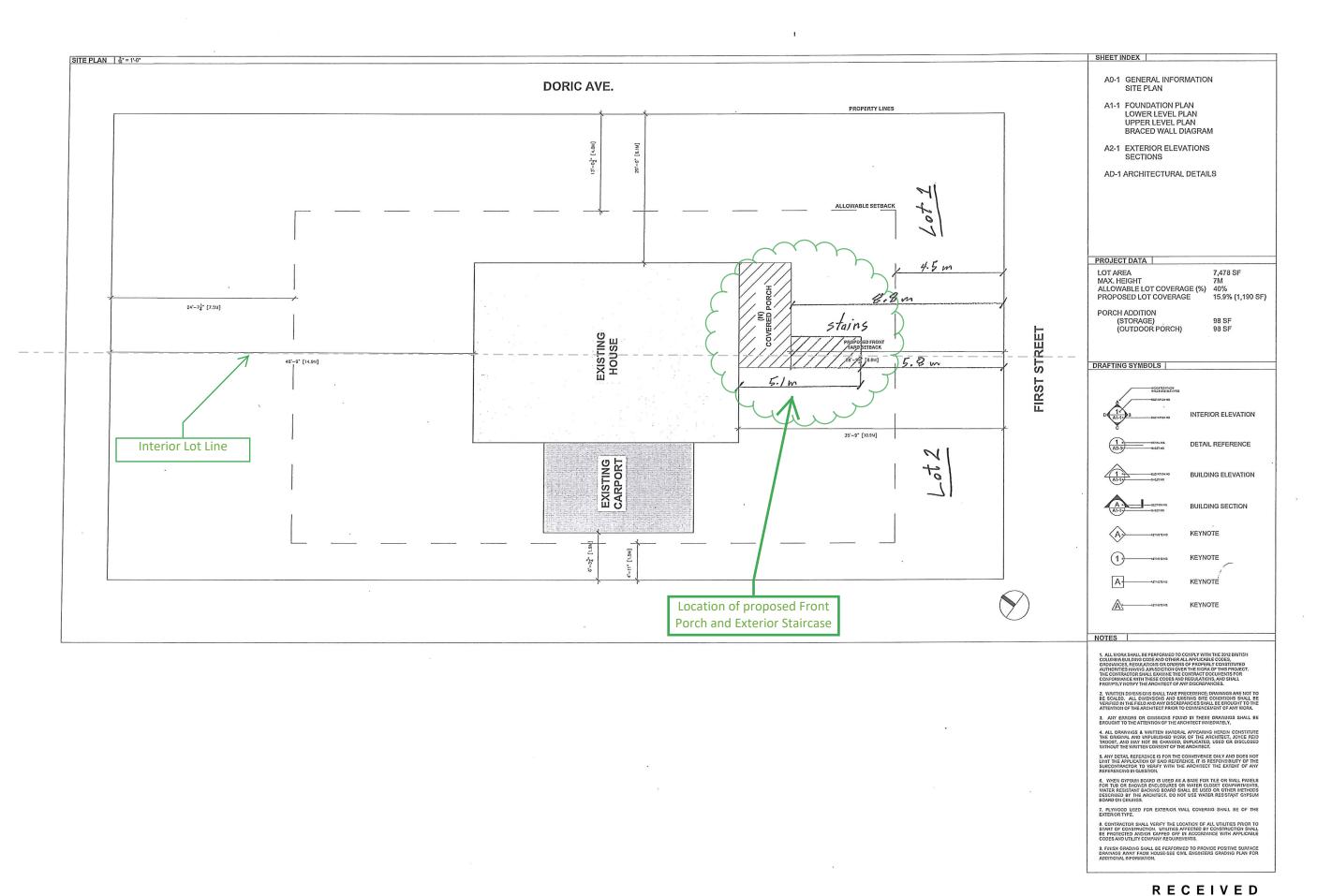
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CIVIC: 641 FIRST STREET

LEGAL: LOT 1 AND 2, BLOCK 7, SECTION 1, NANAIMO DISTRICT, PLAN 1465







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BOARD OF VARIANCE APPLICATION NO. BOV00720





Kris Sillem & Mackenzie Sillem 641 First Street Nanaimo B.C. V9R 1Z3

April 25, 2019
Board of Variance
Care of
City of Nanaimo Community Development
411 Dunsmuir Street Nanaimo B.C.

Letter of Rationale

Dear Board of Variance,

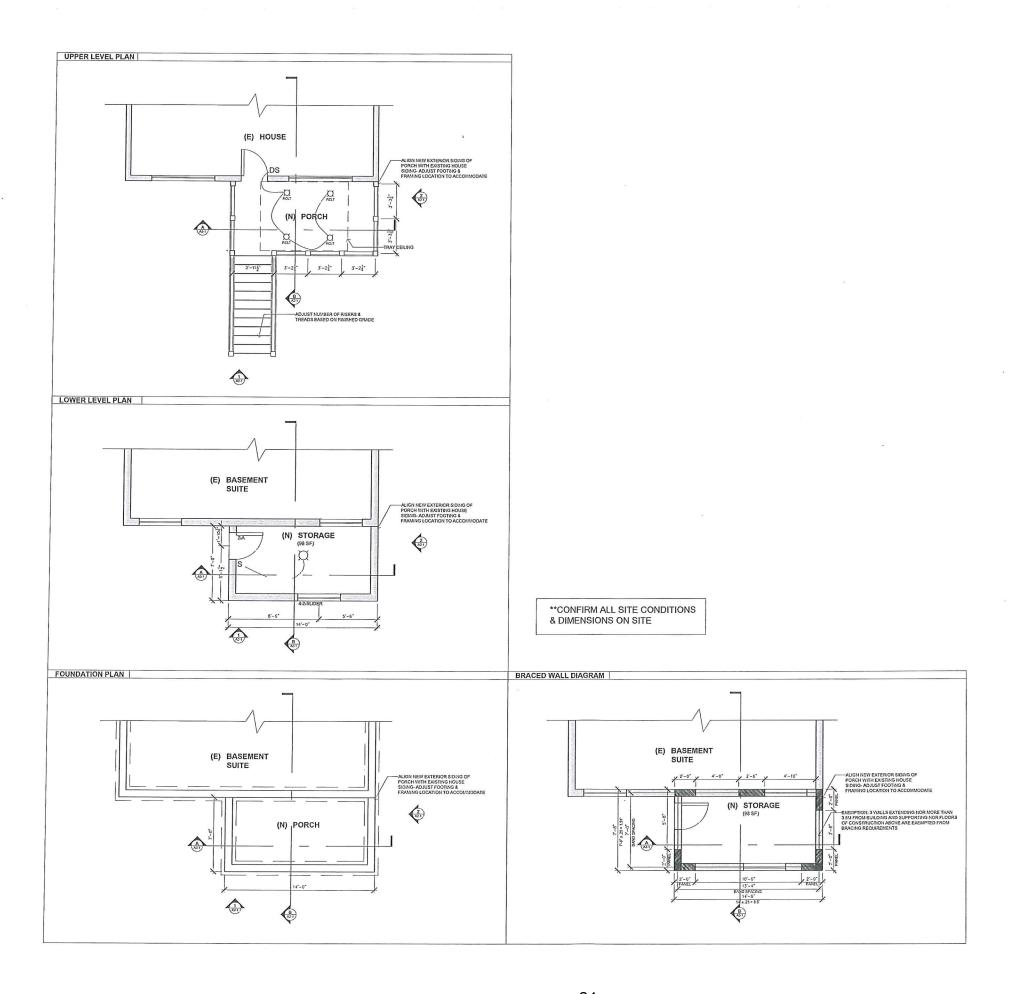
As illustrated by the site plan and building elevations submitted to the Board for consideration; I am appealing to the Board to reduce the required side yard setbacks of the interior lot line in order to replace the existing, deteriorating, front stairs of my house with a newly constructed front porch and stairs. As shown by the site plan the house is neatly bisected by the interior lot line shared between Lot 1 and Lot 2 both lots of which are owned by my Wife and I. The intent of the City of Nanaimo side yard setback bylaw is to ensure that there is sufficient separation between neighbour's houses in order to provide privacy between neighbours. As my Wife and I own both lots, we are essentially our own neighbours and while we would sometimes like some privacy from our young children, the intent of the bylaw is not defeated by approving the variance requested. The variance as proposed is from 1.5 metres to 0 metres for the portion of porch and stairs located on Lot 1 and from 1.5 metres to 0 metres for the portion of porch and stairs located on Lot 2. While this variance may be considered as major in distance, I believe that in this specific situation it is minor if not irrelevant to the intent of the bylaw, which is to ensure that there is a enough separation between individual houses, located on individual lots in order to provide privacy between individual neighbours.

The side yard setback bylaw applied to this specific situation unduly creates a hardship by forcing a property owner with an old house constructed on two lots prior to the adoption of the bylaw to undergo additional processes and incur additional expenses in order to permit an addition that would otherwise be permitted for a house constructed after the adoption of the

bylaw. As illustrated by the house elevations provided with the variance application and by a walk through the neighbourhood the porch and stairs will not result in inappropriate development. In fact, the intent of the porch and stairs is to bring the house originally constructed in the 1930's back to its historic form. This form included a front porch and stairs which was a common feature on houses constructed in the past. The proposed porch will not substantially affect the use and enjoyment of the adjacent property owner to the West as the addition will only impact the interior lot line setbacks. The existing house, carport and the proposed porch are well within the exterior lot line setback requirements and there is ample privacy between my house and the neighbour's house to the west.

Sincerely, Lui Male

Dear Board of Variance, The variance requested by Kni's and Mackenzie Sillem will not substantially impact the use and enjoyment of my property. 643 First Street 642 First Street 644 First Street





JOYCE REID TROOST, ARCHITECT AIBC 2515 GLENAYR DRIVE, BC V93 3R9 250.714.8747 - Joyce Sytarchitecture.com

PROJECT NAME:

PORCH ADDITION

ADDRESS: 641 FIRST STREET NANAIMO, BC

CLIENT: SILLEM

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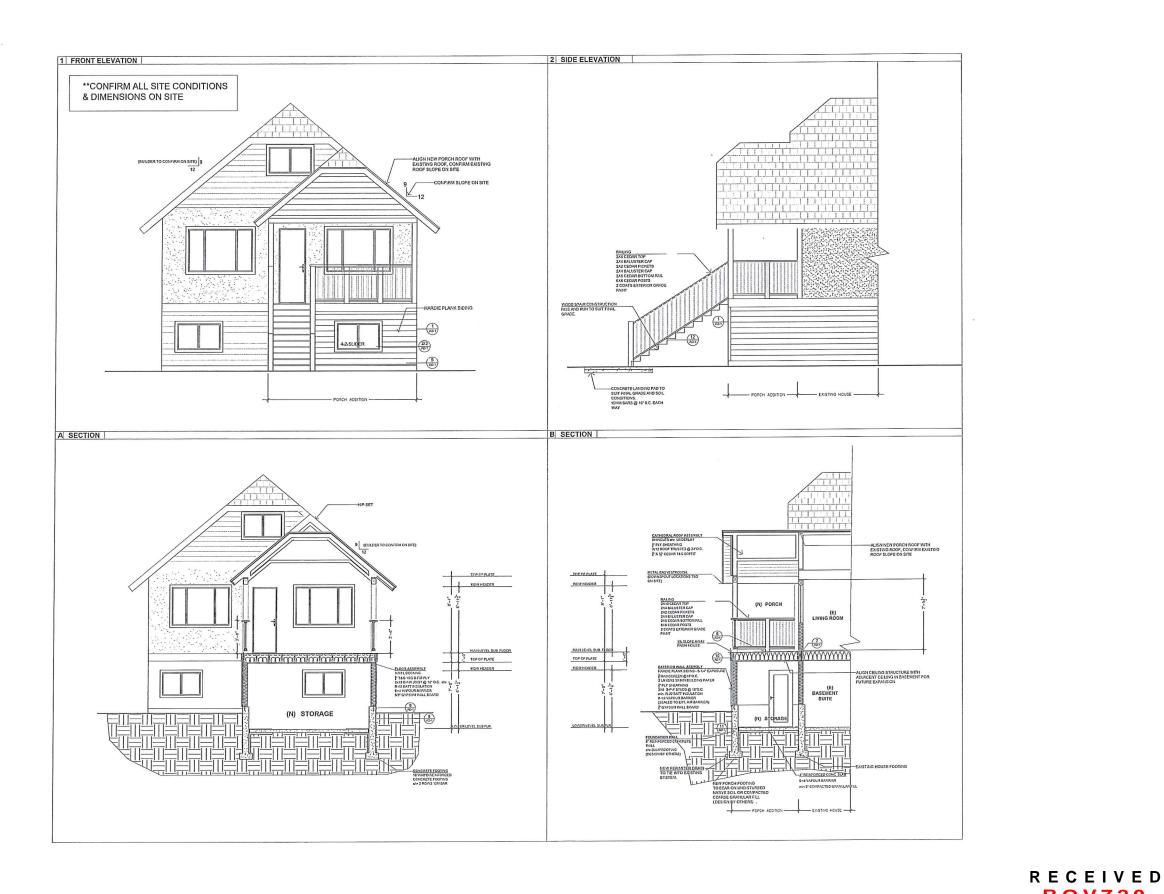
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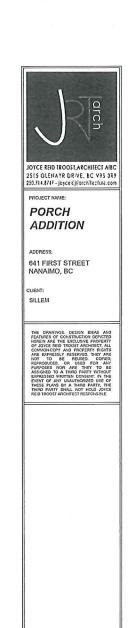
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FOUNDATION PLAN
LOWER LEVEL PLAN
UPPER LEVEL PLAN
BRACED WALL DIAGRAM

SHEET:

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DRAWN BY: JOYCE TROOST

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EXTERIOR ELEVATIONS

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